

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2443

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 99501 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2443, as introduced, V. Manuel Perez. State government: international relations.

Existing law provides that the state point of contact acts, in compliance with federal practice, as the liaison between the state and the Office of the United States Trade Representative on trade-related matters, and requires the state point of contact to fulfill, in addition to any other duties assigned by the Governor, specified duties relating to international trade.

This bill would additionally require the state point of contact to provide copies of any formal position or comments on a pending trade agreement to the United States Trade Representative and to the legislative committees assigned the responsibility for international trade issues, within 5 working days.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 99501 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 99501. (a) (1) The state point of contact, within the executive
2 branch; acts, in compliance with federal practice, as the liaison
3 between the state and the Office of the United States Trade
4 Representative on trade-related matters.

5 (2) The state point of contact who, in compliance with federal
6 practice, receives updates from the federal government on trade
7 policies, is often provided the opportunity to review and comment
8 on ongoing trade negotiations.

9 (b) The state point of contact shall, in addition to any other
10 duties assigned by the Governor, do all of the following:

11 (1) Promptly disseminate correspondence or information from
12 the United States Trade Representative to the appropriate *legislative*
13 *committees and* state agencies and departments ~~and legislative~~
14 ~~committees.~~

15 (2) Work with the *Legislature and* appropriate state agencies
16 and departments, ~~and the Legislature,~~ to review the effects ~~on the~~
17 ~~California environment, and California businesses, workers, and~~
18 ~~general lawmaking authority,~~ of any proposed or enacted trade
19 agreement provisions *on the state's businesses and workers, its*
20 *environment, or its general lawmaking authority,* and communicate
21 those findings to the United States Trade Representative.

22 (3) Serve as liaison to the Legislature on matters of trade policy
23 oversight.

24 (4) *Provide copies of any formal position or comments of the*
25 *executive branch on a pending trade agreement to the United*
26 *States Trade Representative and to the legislative committees*
27 *assigned the responsibility for international trade issues, within*
28 *five working days.*